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Act 31 Celebration draws its originators, scholars, educators and administrators to Madison



Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

Educators, administrators and the originators who nurtured and drafted Act 31, gathered at Madison's Crown Plaza Hotel for "Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Wisconsin Act 31 (1989/1991.)"

From start to finish the well-served event, held on August 19, featured speakers who described the parts they played in getting Act 31 passed into law.

In short, Wisconsin Act 31 requires public schools to provide education about Wisconsin Native American Cultures through three separate sessions. One session is required in grade school, a second session in middle school and the third session is in high school. Act 31 was signed on August 8, 1989 and became law August 20, 1989.

The historical background of Act 31 is massive with strands leading to other concerns and issues. In 1983, after years of deliberation and examination on Indian and non-Indian community relations, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the American Indian Language and Culture Education Board (AILCE)

were called upon. They were urged to pass legislation and develop curriculum to focus specifically on Wisconsin Indian history, culture and treaty rights.

In 1987, the AILCE created Resolution 87-1 which mandated DPI and the American Indian Study Committee to include teaching of Wisconsin Indian history, culture and tribal sovereignty in public schools. The 1989-1991 state budget appropriated funds for creation of an American Indian Studies program in the state of Wisconsin.

The celebration program began with lobbyist, Buck Martin-Stockbridge-Munsee. He welcomed the group and served as master of ceremonies throughout evening. Following his welcome, the Procession of Veterans for the Grand Entry took place. They were accompanied by the Tomahawk Circle Singers of Lac du Flambeau.

Brian Jackson, Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) President, gave brief introductions of the partnerships involved with ACT 31. Partners include WIEA, DPI, Act 31 Coalition, Wisconsin Tribal Nations Leader and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Board.

Tony Evers-State Superintendent of DPI was the next speaker. He spoke about the

successes and impact Act 31 has had in public schools. He also encouraged educators and administrators to continue their support and involvement in keeping Act 31 provisions going. At the conclusion of his Evers talk, J.P. Leary presented him with a beaded medallion with the DPI logo.

Alan Caldwell, a retired educator was an integral part of Act 31. He drafted the original conceptual language of the document that eventually passed into law. However, with great concern he told of threats directed towards Act 31. Caldwell reminded the group of the recent issue about Native themed sports logos and mascots that had faltered. The legislature overrode the request for changes. The use and presence of Native themed logos and mascots is no longer an issue. Now the legislature is challenging Act 31.

Caldwell reflected on Native culture and the Warrior clans. He told about his Native ancestors who fought to attain what is right. "We are all warriors for Act 31 to protect it and keep it going. We have to step it up, just like we as Natives always have. We have to stand-up as warriors," said Caldwell.

J. P. Leary, Associate Professor at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Education Center for First Nations Studies, gave a power-point which explained the process of developing Act 31. He referred to the legislative process as pieces of the story.

Leary's presentation included the actual verbiage of AILCE (87-1) as follows:

"Now Therefore Be It Resolved: That the American Indian Language and Culture Education board recommends that the Department of Public Instruction and the American Indian Studies Committee of the State Legislature, in concert with the Indian Tribes of Wisconsin, develop and implement curriculum units at the 4th grade, middle school



Tony Evers (right) Superintendent of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction receives a beaded medallion. Presenting the token of appreciation is J. P. Leary, Associate Professor UW-GB.

and high school levels which accurately describe the history of the tribes of Wisconsin and their government to government relationship with the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

Be It Further Resolved: That the curriculum units will be taught in all school districts in Wisconsin."

The Ho-Chunk Nation's voice in the celebration came from tribal member Pricilla Cleveland who works in the Tomah School District. She described her journey and efforts to encourage Native studies in the public school system. Through her work and dedication she succeeded at getting Tomah's school district to purchase appropriate books for Native American Education.

Adrienne Thunder-Executive Director of the HCN Department of Education was recognized at the event along with other educators and administrators. "Long before there was a law, there were people in many of our communities who taught non-Natives about who we are, in schools, community centers and other places. Act 31 provided a way for schools to take up those contributions and enhance their curricular offerings with local, appropriate resources,

with timeframes suited for their understanding at the various grade levels," she said. "The Ho-Chunk Nation is proud to have two excellent leaders in education, Pricilla Cleveland and Paul Rykkan. They have used this law as a platform for meaningful instruction and experiences benefitting both non-Native and Ho-Chunk students."

Mary Thundercloud-Eary-HCN Department of Education Data Analyst also attended the event. "It was a great experience to see so many people come together to celebrate Indian Education. I enjoyed hearing the history and stories from

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Author Patty Loew signs her books at the conclusion of the Act 31 Anniversary Celebration.

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Ryan Greendeer to serve as the first Executive Government Relations Officer

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Ryan Greendeer is a familiar face in a different place. Greendeer is the new and first Executive Government Relations Officer for the President Jon Greendeer administration. Greendeer is a graduate of Chippewa Falls High School and an Army veteran. “I’ve been called the in-house lobbyist for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Any person can be a lobbyist and shape the laws so they are beneficial. It only takes a letter, phone call or an e mail to your representatives. They

take constituent contact very seriously because it’s their vote they need to keep their jobs,” said Greendeer. Away from his desk, Greendeer is interested in politics and research. “I am interested in peoples’ rights. I like to study the Constitution,” he said. Greendeer said he enjoys being part of the team. “The President’s staff works closely as a team to ensure that the President is able to govern effectively. He has obligations to his constituents and the executives to ensure that the Ho-Chunk Nation

runs smoothly as possible. I’m one small part of that team. I set out to maintain great working relationships with local, state, federal and other tribal officials so we can always address the Nation’s interests,” Greendeer said. His hobbies include volunteering including the Children’s Literacy program and the Veterans’ Association. He also enjoys athletics, hiking and photography. Greendeer spoke about his recent visit to the La Crosse bluffs, where he hiked through the picturesque scenery and took a lot of photographs.

Greendeer shared his viewpoint about tribal members and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation in regards to the general public’s impression. “I believe that all tribal members and employees of the HCN are ambassadors when we step out of our front doors. Negative publicity comes from lack of knowledge, it is our job as Ho-Chunks and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation to educate the public, to help them understand who we are. And in turn, create a positive image,” he said.



EAB at our doorstep!

As many of you are aware, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has had some presence in Wisconsin since 2008. In recent days, it has advanced northward and is now at our backdoor here in Jackson county! Very soon, Monroe, Adams, and Juneau counties will be added to the list of 32 quarantined counties. This means, **no movement of firewood and ash nursery stock into Jackson and other non-quarantine counties** from quarantine counties. With the Black River Falls, Labor Day Pow-Wow fast ap-



proaching, please make plans to purchase/acquire your firewood needs from local, Jackson county sources. **BUY IT WHERE YOU BURN IT!!** Thank you, Mark Gawron, HCN Forester 715-284-2852 mark.gawron@ho-chunk.com

Lay Advocate Training



Participating in the Lay Advocate Training on August 5 at the Ho-Chunk Tribal Court were (from left) Judge Jo Deen Lowe, Algie Wolters, Ashley Natysin, Wisconsin Judicare trainer Jerry Vang, Amos Kingsley, Ralph Babcock, Gale White, Staff Attorney Noah Lentz (kneeling, front left), Petyo FoxPetrov (tall in back), Jean Stacy, Bonnie Smith, Marilyn Hilling, Staff Attorney Kallie Seifert (kneeling, front right), Brittany RedEagle, Lynette Pettibone, Susan Young, Marlys Whiteagle, Zackary Friedrich, Matthew Mann, and Judge Amanda WhiteEagle. Not pictured are Attorney David Armstrong of Wisconsin Judicare and Legislative Attorney Carolyn Grzelak, both of which assisted with the training.

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the people that were involved in the legislation mandating Act 31. I also enjoyed listening to the educators who put the legislation into practice and who continue to educate and support all children, especially the American Indian

children, their families and communities,” said Thundercloud-Eary. For the conclusion of the anniversary celebration a few humorous comments were made by Buck Martin as he wrapped up the program.

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- ❑ Services in the least restrictive environment
- ❑ Family participation in ALL aspects of planning, service delivery, and evaluation
- ❑ Integrated services, with coordinated planning across the child serving systems

Strong Warrior 5k Obstacle Challenge

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On Sunday, August 24, 2014, the Ho-Chunk Nation sponsored the Strong Warrior 5k Obstacle Challenge to tribal members and the general public at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, Wisconsin. The challenge was a part of the Neeshla powwow weekend.

The Strong Warrior group hosts and provides events to native communities to promote physical activity. Their goal is to *promote, encourage, and inspire individuals to become active and to challenge*

themselves by testing their individual limitations at our Strong Warriors community fitness events and programs.

The group hosted two races on Sunday. The morning race was for Ho-Chunk and visiting tribal members. The afternoon races was open to the general public.

The 5k race also had obstacles for runners to conquer. Runners climbed over dirt piles, crawled through mud, climb six and eight foot walls, a tire run, a tire flip, and complete exercises throughout the course.



Strong Warrior 5k participants pose for a group picture.



Chris Bird crawls through the water trench



Brian "Hena" Powless takes the early lead.



Kyle WhiteEagle climbs a mound of dirt.



David Lang and David Greendeer navigate a water obstacle.

Top Runners



The Ho-Chunk Nation Pace Cadets took home the 5K Corporate Team Traveling Trophy at the Karner Blue Marathon on July 19 in Black River Falls. Team members are (from left) Jerod Stacy, Rob Voss, Eli Youngthunder and John Stacy. Also part of the team, but not present for the photo, is Ciara Johnson.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Sept. 5 which will be published on Sept. 12. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Let's move!



Ho-Chunk Nation Maintenance Worker Harry Hill displays the new signs he installed at the corner of the Ho-Chunk Behavioral Health Center, the intersection of Airport Road and Lumberjack Guy Road in Black River Falls. "Hijxgaxgakjawi" means "Let's Move!"

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Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Bruce's Legacy

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Staff Writer

A \$5,000 donation to Bruce's Legacy was given to the organization's representative, Jeremy Cormican, by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature on Wednesday, August 13.

Presenting the check to Cormican were representatives Lori Pettibone, Greg Blackdeer and Susan Waukon.

Bruce's Legacy is a non-profit organization which organizes underwater searches for drowning victims. It is solely dependent on donations

for operating costs. In the search operation of the members, a remote operated vehicle is used. Donations also cover travel expenses when traveling to searches throughout the Midwest.

The search team is headed by Jeremy's father, Keith, who owns and operates the Marineland Dive Center in Black River Falls.

The donation is the result of a request by Sandy Blackdeer, who requested consideration of a donation at an area meeting.

Jeremy Cormican (left) receives a \$5,000 check from Area I Legislators Lori Pettibone, Greg Blackdeer and Susan Waukon.



Harvest of the month display includes tasty tomato recipes and fun facts

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

The Harvest of the Month was presented by Lisa Listle, Jackson in Action (JAI)/Harvest of the Month (HOM) Initiative and Alex Galston, Vista AmeriCorps Volunteer on Wednesday, August 20 at the Tribal Office Building.

Taste tests were available from the kitchen of chef, Alex and recipes were available for those who visited the display table. The two recipes were Tomato Bread Salad and Tomato Marmalade.

With tomato plants yielding their fruits now, the two presenters focused on tomatoes just at the right time.

Some fun and interesting facts were available at the display table, too. Here are a few facts about the popular food:

1. Tomatoes are fruits, not vegetables.
2. Tomatoes were first cultivated in Mexico, Columbus brought the seeds to Europe.
3. Tomatoes are America's fourth most popular fresh-market food, behind potatoes, lettuce and onions.
4. Americans eat about 22-24 pounds of tomatoes per year, per person. Half of that number includes ketchup and tomato sauce.
5. When the tomato was introduced to Europe in the

1500's, the French called it "the apple of love." The Germans called tomatoes "the apple of paradise."

6. Tomato leaves are toxic.
7. Tomatoes come in every color of the rainbow, except blue. They can be red, yellow, orange, green and even purple.

"The goal of the Harvest of the Month initiative is to support healthy food choices through increased access and consumption of fruits and vegetables. Each month JAI featured a fruit or vegetable as the "Harvest of the Month," striving to promote locally grown produce, assisting Jackson County residents in



building confidence and skills for selecting and preparing fresh, local produce," Listle said.

"This is the last of the Har-

vest of the Month series. The program is coming to an end, but if more funding becomes available, we will offer it again."

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Youth workers and mentors attend recognition banquet

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

The 2014 Summer Mentorship in Professionalism Program banquet was held on Thursday, August 14 at the Copper Oak Restaurant inside Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells (HCG-WD). The banquet was held to honor youth workers and their mentors, supervisors and other professionals who have worked together since June.

Sherman Funmaker, Group Sales/Banquet Manager, started off the banquet by offering a prayer of the meal.

James Webster, Executive Manager of HCG-WD, presented award certificates to the youth workers with the assistance of Roberta Funmaker, American Indian Recruiter.

"Good job everybody," said Lisa Nichols, HCG-WD Hotel Supervisor and mentor. She explained the youth workers' job duties at the hotel. She said they acknowledged and greeted guests at the front

desk and helped guests with their baggage.

The youth workers were encouraged to talk. "You should speak, express yourselves. You are the face and the voice of the Nation. Every smile and every word is important," said Sheridan Cloud, Assistant Hotel Manager.

Each student introduced themselves and thanked their mentors and the HCN for giving them the opportunity to receive on-the-job training.

"I would like to thank everybody that has been part of this mentorship program. I cannot count how many ways the Ho-Chunk Nation has helped me. Participating in the Summer Mentorship in Professionalism Program is a good stepping stone toward my future. I love the work I have been doing. I pick up bags for a living," said Pierson White. The dining room filled with laughter and applause as he spoke.



Professionals, supervisors, mentors and youth workers gathered for the 2014 Summer Mentorship in Professionalism banquet at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells.

Sheridan Cloud read several letters written by the youth workers. Each letter reflected gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside HCG-WD employees. The letters also revealed the students' newly gained confidence and positive attitude about working.

"These youth are living testimony of what has been taught to everyone, God helps those who help themselves. Having manners, talking nice, showing respect; such as wearing a tie. We wear ties to show respect," said Cloud.

Tina Boisen, Executive Director of the Department of Labor, thanked the youth for taking the opportunity for the employment experience. Boisen gave recognition to Elva Brown, who helps coordinate the summer youth program. "Elva has done at least 90% of the work for the youth program," said Boisen.

During their mentorship students received instruction in etiquette/professionalism, lifestyle choices, Ho-Chunk language, personal budgeting and interpersonal communication. They also received instruction in resume writing, interview skills, college planning, tribal government and guest services.

"Hiring and employing Ho-Chunk youth in our various gaming departments is not a new concept. What is new is the mentoring and personal development components that have been implemented since late summer 2011," said Roberta Funmaker.

Funmaker continued, "The hotel, Food and Beverage, and Training and Development departments work together to provide our Ho-Chunk youth the tools to be hired, promoted and retained by enterprises and departments of the HCN. Ho-Chunk youth at HCG-WD have been able to continue their employment through the school year on a part time and quarter time basis."

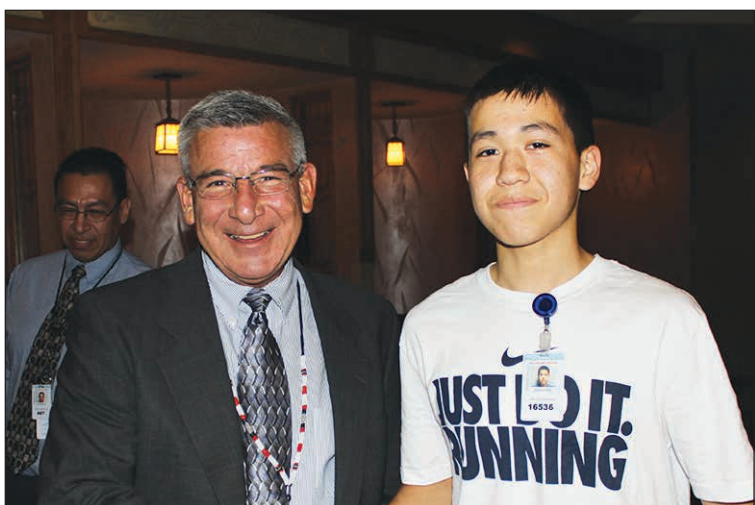
The roster of mentors and instructors includes: Molli Pauliot-Training and Development Director, James Webster-Executive Manager, Roberta Funmaker-American Indian Recruiter, Fremina Funmaker and Laura McMickle-Trainers, Calvin Whiteagle-Hotel Executive



Dean Funmaker (r) proudly receives an award from James Webster, HCG-WD for his participation as a summer youth worker.



Aliyah Cloud accepts her award for completion of the Summer Mentorship in Professionalism program from James Webster, HCG-WD.



Winston Cloud is pleased and proud to receive an award from James Webster, HCG-WD for his participation in the mentorship program.



Youth worker, Pierson White (l), Elva Brown-Intake/Information Analyst and Tina Boisen-Executive Director, HCN Labor Department, and Sarah Crowley-youth worker met at the Copper Oak Restaurant for an awards banquet ending the 2014 Summer Mentorship in Professionalism Program

Manager, Steven Abangan-Chief Financial Officer, Linda Schlieckau-Promotions, Patti Herra-Marketing, Beth Anacker-Senior Marketing Manager, Andi Jo Cloud-Education Career Advisor, Carol Whitethunder and Verna Reider- Language Instructors, Eric Sturdevant-Food and Beverage Executive Manager, Janis Pesek-Food and Beverage Restaurant Services Manager, Kidd Cloud and Thomas Morehouse -Food and Beverage Supervisors, Katina Decorah-Food and Beverage Administrative Assistant, Sherman Funmaker-Group Sales/Banquet Manager, Lisa Nichols-Hotel Supervisor, Janella Hopinka-Hotel Administration, Sheridan Cloud-Hotel Assistant Manager, Melissa

Gall-Facilities Manager, Scott Muerkve-Facilities Director, Patricia Houghton-Human Resources, Ralph Babcock-Slot Department and Employee Incentive Committee and Alice Cloud-Uniform Department.

Students participating in the mentorship program were Aliyah Cloud, Roy Goodbear, Theodore Brown, Pierson White, Julia White, Dean, Maria Funmaker, and Sam Funmaker. They worked with the Hotel and Guest Services. Food and Beverage workers were Katelynn Collins, Emily Collins, Isabelle Ruiz, Sarah Crowley, Everett Menore, Ellen Roy, Rita Peters, Alycia Bear, Collette Fanning Big Horn and Sylvia Bissonett.



Chris Sonasky (r) shares the joy of completing the Summer Mentorship in Professionalism program at HCG-WD.

Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division holds Fun Day

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

Friday, August 15 was a good day for frolicking in the park as the Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) Domestic Abuse Division (D.A.D.) held an activity Fun Day for the community's families and friends.

The D.A.D. staff including Mary James-Director, Angie Jacobs-Coordinator, Jon Pettibone-Commissioner, Barb Smith, Melissa Hansen and Tena Quackenbush-Advocates, planned a full day of games, relays, informational exhibits, presenters and food.

Even though the theme for the day focused on fun, the actual reasons behind the activities were serious. "The main objective of this type of event is to provide awareness

that the D.A.D., law enforcement commissioners and tribal police work together as a team," said James.

"Holding events such as the Fun Day, is a great way to make the community aware of the issues that take place close to home," said Matthew Susa, Wood County Sheriff's Department, Patrol Sergeant.

"No matter what race, age or gender people are, they can be affected by domestic abuse. Victims of domestic abuse have difficulty dealing with the situations they are involved in. They don't realize they are a victim of abuse."

Purple dominated a corner in the picnic shelter. T-shirts, canvas bags, flying discs and pens could be recognized as D.A.D. items because of their symbolic color. They also offered flyers, brochures and other printed material to help those who may be involved in an abusive relationship/situation.

Another exhibit provided by the HCN Child Support Enforcement offered information to assist and educate those who may not be aware of laws and guidelines that may affect them. Brochures and flyers were available at the booth and staff member Courtney Funmaker was available for information.

The sun reflected off a well-kept emergency responder vehicle exhibited by Casey Mike, Wood County Search and Rescue/Emergency Responder. Mike was available for questions and information and he allowed visitors to go



Fun Day was held at Ripple Creek Park in Port Edwards on August 15. Bernie Stevens- Presenter (left), Barb Smith, Tena Quackenbush, Melissa Hansen-D.A.D. Advocates and Mary James-D.A.D. Director (back, right) organizers. Jon Pettibone-provided announcements and music for the event.



Presenter, Bernie Stevens-Social Worker at Lincoln Hills, speaks to participants of all ages during the Domestic Abuse Division Fun Day at the park.



Tena Quackenbush-D.A.D. Advocate (right) informs gunny sack race participants of the rules and regulations of the game.

inside the unit for a closer look.

Adding to the event's fun and games were ski board races, gunny sack relays and volleyball games played in the sand. The sack races proved to be extra entertaining when one male participant questioned the judges' decision of the winner. "Hey, was there a photo finish on this race?" he asked because he wasn't the winner.

While Fun Day participants strolled between the exhibits, games and food tables, Jon Pettibone, Commissioner, provided familiar music. The music selections included golden oldies to recent hits. Songs wafted nicely through the park during the entire day along with special announcements and humor from Pettibone.

Later in the afternoon, Bernie Stevens, a Social Worker for Lincoln Hills spoke to attendees. He reflected on his childhood and how his life took different pathways as he matured.

"I think the presentation from Bernie was the highlight of the day, not to mention the food. Even I learned a lot from his talk. Most important was the message Bernie gave about being yourself and to learn from your elders. We deal with people blaming others for how they act. It's your responsibility for the actions



Matthew Susa-Wood County Sheriff's Department, Patrol Sergeant (left), Earl Lemieux-HCN Police Chief, and Casey Mike-Wood County Search and Rescue, participate at D.A.D. Fun Day.




Mary James (left) and Barb Smith present a gift of appreciation to Bernie Stevens for his presentation during D.A.D's Fun Day.

you make. Bernie's childhood is a classic example of what we see and hear when dealing with family issues. Following your parent's footsteps is not always the best lawful thing to do. It takes a real man or woman to recognize this and walk away," said Susa.

"Far too often, domestic abuse is overlooked. We as law enforcement and with the programs the HCN has in place such as D.A.D. advocates, we are able to provide help to victims and address the issues. We provide comfort for abuse victims," he said. "It was great to see a good number of younger adults and children at this event. I hope for even higher turn outs in the future, as these events impact everyone."



Non-stop music, announcements and entertainment provided by Jon Pettibone-Master of the Microphone and Music Mogul for D.A.D. Fun Day.



Domestic Abuse Division (DAD) Logo and Slogan Contest

Attention all Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Members


Participate in the contest to come up with the logo and slogan for **YOUR** domestic abuse division.

A logo with a slogan, in other words, a picture with a saying that will encourage the end of physical, mental and sexual violence.

Contest will be judged at the October Domestic Abuse Awareness Walks. Please submit your entry by September 30, 2014, to the Domestic Abuse Division Coordinator at the Social Services building in Black River Falls or Domestic Abuse Division, PO Box 40, Black River Falls, WI 54615. If you have a digital image that you would like to submit or an electronic copy you can email the entry to domesticabusedivision@ho-chunk.com. Please remember to submit your name, address, phone number, email address if available and also include your tribal identification number with your entry.

All entries will be displayed at the October area walks and participants will judge the entries. After the last walk in October the winner will be announced via the Hocak Worak. All entries will receive a consolation prize and the winning entry will receive a grand prize.

Any questions please call the DAD coordinator at 715.299.0431.



Ho-Chunk Nation partners with Jackson County for Drug Forum

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

Community awareness and involvement are two components leading the way to change the problems of illegal drug use in Jackson and surrounding counties. Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) and several Jackson County agencies provided insightful information at the Drug Forum held in the HCN Tribal Office Building atrium on August 18.

Partners in planning the event were Jackson County Public Health, Christine Hovell-Director of Public Health and Kristi Hanson-Jackson County Public Health Nurse, Jessica Tyler-HCN Community Health Services, Lisa Listle and Alex Galston of Together For Jackson County Kids.

“The event was made available through funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the American Medical Association,” said Listle.

“Law enforcement officials are reporting a rise in methamphetamine and heroin trafficking and use in our region; by coming to the drug forum the public will learn more about these and other drugs that are troubling our communities,” said Lisa Listle-Project Director for Together for Jackson County Kids.

Exhibit tables were available for the public to visit. One such exhibit featured Jessica Tyler, HCN Community Health Nurse, who offered information on programs available for those who may have health issues and need support. She stressed the program that is available through the HCN for anonymous HIV testing.

“The Ho-Chunk Nation HIV Prevention Program continues to offer free anonymous HIV testing and free condoms to community members. This program increases the number of people who know their HIV status. Therefore, the program decreases the rate of HIV infection in the community,” said Tyler.

Alex Galston-Vista AmeriCorps Volunteer, manned an exhibit sponsored by Jackson County’s, Together for Jackson County Kids projects. He offered anti-bullying information and important information about underage drinking.

A variety of speakers gave detailed information relating to the problems of illegal drug use in Jackson County.

The first speaker, Lori Chown from the Alcohol Awareness Community Team Informing Our Neighbors



Alex Galston, Vista AmeriCorps Volunteer, displays different programs for young people in Jackson County.

(A ACTION) team, discussed underage drinking in Jackson County. She introduced a new campaign her team will be launching this fall.

Secondly, Tom Johnson, an investigator from the West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group, Drug Enforcement Task Force, spoke on drug identification and drug trends in Jackson, Monroe, La Crosse, Trempealeau and Vernon counties.

The third presentation was given by Frank Koresh and Melissa Windsor from Black River Falls Emergency Medical Services. They gave detailed and graphic information about local heroin use and the use of Narcan, a drug that reverses the effects of the illegal drug.

Lastly, Jessica Tyler, HCN Community Health Nurse, gave more information about heroin, the needle exchange program and hepatitis. “With the increasing rates of injection drug use and Hepatitis C



Discussing drug trends in Jackson and neighboring counties, investigator, Tom Johnson gives detailed information and statistics.



Jessica Tyler-HCN Community Health Nurse, displays healthful information at the Drug Forum held on August 13.

infection, events like this are key to increasing community awareness and fighting this growing problem,” said Tyler.

The event came to a close with question time and a brief evaluation of the program was given for feedback from the audience. Some comments from the evaluations are as follows:

“This event was very eye opening as to what is going on in the community.”

“It was a good chance for people to share information.”

“Great perspective from knowledgeable people.”

“The goal was to make our community a safer healthier place,” Tyler said.

Powwow grounds cook shack get a facelift

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The cook shack at the powwow grounds in Black River Falls had seen better days. It was in bad shape.

In fact, over the years, people stopped using the cook

shack and maintenance began storing equipment in the building.

But now all that has changed. A renovation project began in June and will conclude in time for the annual Ho-Chunk Labor Day Pow-

wow.

“It’s never been renovated,” said Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Administration Director Mike Rave. “It was in bad shape.”

Ho-Chunk Nation District I Legislature representatives brought the issue before the full Legislature, which approved the funding, Rave said.

Simmons Construction of Holmen is the general contractor.

The cook shack received new siding, surfacing on interior walls, ceiling, metal roof, doors, windows, countertops and refrigerator and stove.

To make the interior more suitable environment for working, the cook shack now has a new furnace and air conditioning.

A new mechanical room has been built into the interior design, housing the HVAC equipment, along with water



The outside of the cook shack has received new siding, metal roof, and windows. Restrooms and showers have been added to the end of the building.



During the construction process, Gary Simmons of Simmons Construction points out where the new countertops, sinks and appliances will be situated.

treatment equipment, which includes a water softener.

Added onto the end of the building are new showers and restroom facilities. And, along with those new plumbing changes, a new septic system and drain field has been established.

With the improvements, the newly remodeled cook shack has been designed to make the powwow experience more appealing.

Neeshla Powwow 2014 results

Dance Categories

Jr Girls



Fancy
3rd: Kayliyah Bear; 2nd: Micayla Silas; 4th place: Jaysa Rasmussen; 1st: Violet Whitegrass



Jingle
4th: Maddy Cleveland; 3rd: Kitahna Silas; 2nd: Maicy King; 1st: Lorena Brinegar



Traditional
3rd: Kaleigh Cook; 2nd: Paula Cloud; 1st: Alitanna Perkins



Applique
4th: Reyna Prescott; 3rd: Seneca Funmaker; 2nd: Joleece Pecore; 1st: Elizah Leonard

Jr Boys



Fancy
4th: Jaymison Hill; 3rd: Gino Yellowbird-Whitecloud; 2nd: Levi Cleveland; 1st: Buster Cleveland



Grass
4th: Hudson King; 3rd: Colter Cook; 2nd: Lennox Lasley; 1st: Chaske Jacobs



Traditional
4th: Aison Funmaker; 3rd: Bryson Funmaker; 2nd: DJ Scott; 1st: Elijah Leonard

Teen Girls



Fancy
4th: Anntaya Corbesia; 3rd: Dianna Sanapaw; 2nd: Malia Jacobs; 1st: Hozhoni Whitecloud



Jingle
4th: Savannah Brown; 3rd: Audrey Whitegrass; 2nd: Maya Schuyler; 1st: Kaigan Olson



Traditional
4th: Sylvia Walker; 3rd: Juelle Scabbyrobe; 2nd: Faith Goodstriker; 1st: Tara Fiddler



Applique
4th: Carmen Collins; 3rd: Shaundiin Long; 2nd: Katelyn Bird; 1st: Gabriella Brinegar

Teen Boys



Fancy
4th: Keanu Noon; 3rd: Parker Bearstail; 2nd: David Cleveland; 1st: Delano Cleveland



Grass
4th: Chayton Hadgepeth; 3rd: Victor Bird; 2nd: Sedrick Hindsley; 1st: Omashkoonce Santos



Traditional
4th: Bobby Morris; 3rd: Floyd King; 2nd: Sikoya Scabbyrobe; 1st: Talon White eye

Jr Adult Women



Fancy
4th: Megan Tucker; 3rd: Pamela Brown; 2nd: Rose Track; 1st: Anhinga Whitecloud

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Paul Cloud-US Army, Dale WhiteEagle-WAC, Tasheena Cloud-Navy, Marcus WhiteEagle-US Marines, Joe WhiteEagle-US Marines



Jingle
4th: Bianca Tashina Cook; 3rd: Rena Belle Nevaquaya; 2nd: Landis James; 1st: Grace Pusheton-equa



Traditional
4th: Ellie Olson; 3rd: Jasmine Fiddler; 2nd: Biance Whitecloud; 1st: Brittney Hunter



Applique
4th: Ashley Wave; 3rd: Kayree Funmaker; 2nd: Arianna Greencrow; 1st: Cindy Ward

Jr Adult Men



Fancy
4th: Trey Trahant; 3rd: Marquel Crawford; 2nd: Albert King Jr.; 1st: Darrell Hill



Grass
4th: Austin Summers; 3rd: Jason Jefferson; 2nd: Wanbli Charging Eagle; 1st: Jason Cook



Traditional
4th: James Morris; 3rd: Joe Syrette; 2nd: Shane Mitchell; 1st: Dana Warrington

Sr Adult Women



Fancy
4th: Heather Schuyler; 3rd: Lisa Ewack; 2nd: Celina Cada-Mataswagon; 1st: Crystal Cleveland



Jingle
4th: Vickie Hindsley; 3rd: Candice Johnson; 2nd: Candice Scabbyrobe; 1st: Dionne Jacobs



Traditional
4th: Melody Cardinal; 3rd: Cheryl Funmaker; 2nd: Bridget Morris; 1st: Kellie Mae Downwind



Applique
4th: Autumn White; 3rd: Rita Kingswan; 2nd: Anglie Hindsley; 1st: Tracy Pecore

Sr Adult Men



Fancy
4th: Lukas Lonetree; 3rd: Gabe Bullock; 2nd: Wayne Silas Jr.; 1st: Michael Roberts



Grass
4th: Kevin King Bird; 3rd: Shorty Bearstail; 2nd: Dennis Nevaquaya; 1st: Haga Cleveland



Traditional
4th: Matthew Lester; 3rd: Will Hedgepeth; 2nd: Dan Prescott; 1st: Dylan Prescott

Golden Age



Women
4th: Elena Greendeer; 3rd: Annamae Puseton-equa; 2nd: Becky Miller; 1st: Patricia Eagleman



Men
1st: Albert King Sr.; 2nd: Mike King; 3rd: Bobby Bird Sr. (not pictured)

Drum Contest



1st: Battle River



2nd: Smokeytown



3rd: Blacklodge



4th: The Boyz

Happy Together Tour rocks the night

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Songs like “Devil with the Blue Dress On,” “Joy to the World,” and “The Loco-Motion,” “Happy Together,” aren’t gone.

They may be from the 60s and 70s, but they’re still with people every day.

An enthusiastic capacity crowd proved that point to be true, gathering under the tent at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls on Saturday night, August 23, for the Happy Together Tour.

This is the third year for the group, and the popularity of the musical event is not waning.

“It’s great to see so many people come out to listen to these very talented singers and musicians,” said Public Relations Manager Tris Harris.

Headlining the evening were Mitch Ryder of Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels; Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad; Chuck Negrón of Three Dog Night; and Flo and Eddy of The Turtles. Gary Lewis was not available for the show.

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls and Tomah Executive Manager Greg Garvin provided the welcome announcement at the beginning of the concert.

“We are proud to have been able to offer our guests this caliber of entertainment once again and based on this positive feedback and many requests to have them back, we are surely looking forward to having them again same time, same place in 2015,” Garvin said.



Flo and Eddie (Howard Kaylan and Mark Volman) brought their own brand of entertainment to the concert. Their hits of the 60s were matched only by their own special style of humor. Their hit, “Happy Together,” is the basis on which the tour was named.



Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad brought back memories with his songs “The Loco-Motion,” “We’re an American Band,” and “I’m Your Captain.”



Mitch Ryder had the crowd hopped up with energetic songs like “Devil with the Blue Dress On,” “Good Golly Miss Molly,” “C.C. Rider,” “Sock it to Me Baby,” “Jenny Take a Ride,” and “Little Latin Lupe Lu.”



Chuck Negrón of Three Dog Night sang the big hits of era, such as “Joy to the World,” “Mama Told Me Not to Come,” and “Black and White.”



The crowd came to their feet and a fever pitch when all the musical artists joined together in the finale performance, bringing all their hits to the stage at the same time.



Ho-Chunk Gaming- Black River Falls Executive Manager Greg Garvin opened the entertainment with a greeting and a welcome to a night of classic rock ‘n roll.

'The Hidden Truth' suggests the paranormal for La Crosse drowning deaths

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

When all conventional means have failed, sometimes a person has to look to unconventional means to solve a mystery.

Those are the beliefs of former La Crosse Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Neil Sanders. He's seen the evidence and knows that law enforcement officials are no closer to solving the drownings of 10 young men in the Mississippi River at Riverside Park since 1997.

In an effort to question the means of their deaths, Sanders brought in a paranormal investigative team and a film crew.

Sanders is co-producer of the newly-released documentary, "The Hidden Truth." The film will have its premier showing on Saturday, September 6, at the Omni Center in Onalaska. The filming of the documentary took two years and 800 hours of recordings, which was edited down to 64 minutes.

Ho-Chunk members Ritchie Brown and the late Preston Thompson helped with the documentary, appearing in the film to offer their perspective.

Since the completion of the movie, another young man has drowned. On July 11, 2014, the body of 23-year-old man from La Crosse was found in the river.

Nearly all of the cases have been ruled an accident, Sanders said. However, because of the regularity of the drownings and coincidences among them have led to multiple investigations by state and local law officials. Also, two are being investigated by the FBI. "We've explored every possible angle when looking at these deaths except one – the paranormal," he said.

Before being "sidelined" by cancer, Sanders worked as the training and safety officer for interstate transportation service and as a chief deputy medical examiner for La Crosse County.

The motivation and inspiration for investigating the deaths came from his father and brother.

"I got a visit from my dad who told me I need to investigate these deaths. A few days later, my brother came and told me the same thing," Sanders said. "The only odd thing about this is that my dad died two years ago and my

brother died four years ago."

Sanders contacted Jay Bachochin of Wisconsin Paranormal Investigators (WPI) to conduct an investigation into possible paranormal causes of the deaths.

To help in the more spiritual aspects of the case, two "mystic sisters," Tamara and Dawnette Springer, were consulted. Rather than considered psychics, they prefer to be referred to as "spirit connectors."

He also contacted Scott Markus, a nationally-acclaimed film producer, for the possibility of making a documentary about the deaths.

Scott Markus was the main film production manager and his accomplishments are many, including filming the ABC television series "Lost," "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and three seasons of the Discovery Kids series, "Flight 29 Down." He also worked on the major motion pictures, "The Dark Night," "Prison Break," and "Stranger than Fiction."

Although the budget was tight, basically everyone involved believing in the project that they donated their time and money. The reason each member of the filming and investigative crew agreed to commit the money, time and effort toward the project is that they firmly believed in the cause – that they each had a spiritual connection, Sanders said.

In the movie, Ho-Chunk elder Preston Thompson appears on a bench along the river in Riverside Park. He tells about the Ho-Chunk beliefs and customs concerning spiritual existence and contacts.

Also appearing is Ritchie Brown, compliance officer with the Ho-Chunk Nation, who talked about the waters spirits and the fact that they have always present.

"They are in most all bodies of water, such as in Madison, Green Lake and nearby Lake Arbutus," he said. "The history of them is so old."

The spirits were more present before white man arrived. When that happened, they went further down into the earth, but are still present. And as for their role in causing someone's drowning, that is a real possibility.

"If they didn't respect them, that is what happens," Brown said.

One thing that could be done to appease the spirits is to conduct a "ghost meal," according with Ho-Chunk traditions, Brown said. The only problem is that members of the families of the deceased need to be present at the meal, which would be very difficult to arrange.

But the local perception with officials and residents is quite different than what the documentary hopes to explain. There are several different theories about how the young men died. The most popular is the "Smiley Face" serial killer who leaves a smiley face drawing somewhere near the scene.

Another theory is that a rogue cop is forcing the men into the river against their will. Another is that a bartender is drugging the victims before throwing them into the river.

But one of the most popular explanation is that they were drunk, somehow ended up at the river, and impulsively decided to go for a swim.

"People are grasping at straws. No one really knows," Sanders said. "Nothing adds up to one conclusion."

While many people dismiss the suggestion when hearing the word "paranormal," thinking it refers to ghosts and aliens and strange occurrences, it doesn't have that meaning. Paranormal simply means "other than normal," Sanders said.

Local media have refused to cover the movie debut and even local officials won't talk about the issue when the word "paranormal" is used, he said. They believe the concepts are too strange and don't want to be associated with something so culturally dismissed.

In the case of the Minnesota student drowning, the family hired a private investigator because the circumstances just didn't add up. The student was afraid of water and wouldn't have gone anywhere near the water. He was so afraid of water, he transferred to UW-La Crosse from another college because it required a swimming test as part of its requirements. Yet he ended up in the river, Bachochin said.

As part of the investigation, the film team traveled to Winona, Minnesota, to visit the situation at Winona State University.

"The college is close to the river and there are no barriers – no guardrail or anything – you can just walk right into the river," Bachochin said. "They also have a drinking atmosphere and the local bars have the same drink specials. Yet, they haven't had any drowning deaths of college students."

Some theories came to mind when investigating the deaths. One theory is that in 1870, a steam powered paddleboat started on fire and sank near Riverside Park.

WPI followed up on a theory involving the sinking of the steamboat, The War Eagle, which resulted in seven deaths, including that of a college-aged woman, Mary Ulrich. One possible theory



Neil and Mary Sanders display a poster of "The Hidden Truth," which will be shown on September 6 at the Omni Center in Onalaska.

is that the ghost of this young woman is still screaming for help in the river.

The young men, their psychic receptors altered by alcohol, are able to hear her cries and go into the river in an attempt to save her and eventually succumb to the dangerous currents of the Mississippi, Bachochin said.

One two occasions, WPI conducted investigations of the river from a boat anchored over the wreckage of The War Eagle.

Another consideration posed in the documentary is a connection with the Battle of Bad Axe in 1832 a distance down the river where Native Americans were killed.

Yet another theory is that a type of Lorelei, or seductress, is luring young men into the water, similar to the mythical sirens, or beautiful young ladies, who lured sailors to run their ships into the rocks in attempts to follow them.

Such theories may seem farfetched to some people, but the paranormal team wanted to explore every possibility.

"We are the voices of the victims," Sanders said. "We are obligated to continue to look and listen."

While working for two years to gather information, talking to credible experts and to film each of the scenes, there were two unusual incidents which made the crew stop and wonder if there might be some paranormal activity trying to interfere with their efforts.

The first incident happened when the crew were gathered to film comments from Ho-Chunk Elder Preston Thompson.

As the scene was being set up, with lights and audio tested, Preston was talking casually to the rest of the people present. Everything was working fine. But as soon as they began recording and Preston began talking on a more serious level, all the microphones failed. None of the audio could be recorded.

"It was as if someone, or something, didn't want us to

be talking about such things," Bachochin said. "The microphones had never failed before that time and they have not failed since. We really don't know why it happened."

Another incident happened when the filming crew took a boat out at night into the river just off the shore at Riverside Park. They were testing for EVPs (Electronic Voice Phenomena) over the wreckage of The War Eagle when suddenly all the batteries completely went dead. They were all rechargeable batteries and had recently received a fresh charge. They should have been good for another six to eight hours.

"Again, they had never done that before and they never did that again," Bachochin said.

They crew took the boat out again the next night and were recording for several hours. They had not picked up anything unusual, however, later they discovered that they had recorded a voice or voices while Bachochin was talking about what they were searching for and their procedures.

In the background, several voices can be heard and then a sudden woman's scream. It sounds somewhat like children on a playground with a scream of playfulness, but on the other hand it could be a scream of fright.

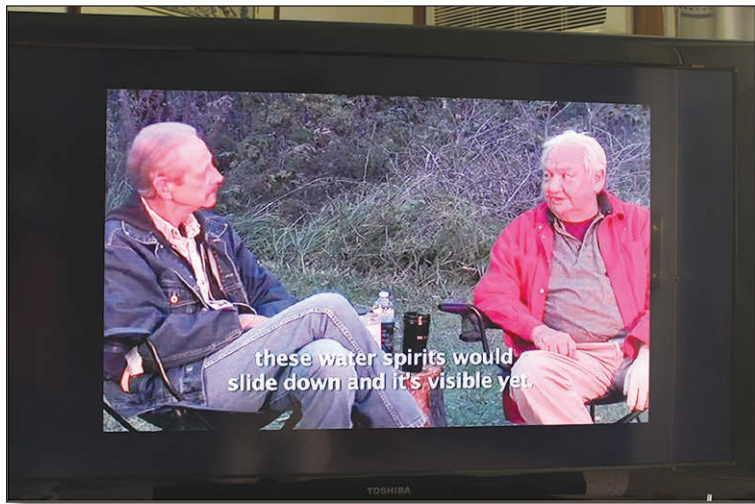
Because the deaths have remained unsolved, La Crosse residents have voiced a real concern for everyone's safety. People began to volunteer for riverside patrols in an effort to stop people from entering the river, particularly at night.

During the time since the patrols started, the volunteers stopped 1,600 people from entering the river. Another 50 have entered the river, but survived.

"It would be interesting to talk to some of those people to see why they were drawn, or compelled, to do something so dangerous," Bachochin said. "Why are they drawn to enter the river?"

When filming the docu-

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Neil Sanders (left) talks to Preston Thompson about the possibilities that different entities are involved in the Mississippi River drownings.



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& Seven (7) Election Board Alternates
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Districts	Number of Election Board Members	Alternate
District 1: Black River Falls	1	1
District 3: Wittenberg	1	1
Wisconsin Dells	1	1
Wisconsin Rapids	1	1
Green Bay	1	1
District 5: Chicago	1	1
Minneapolis/St. Paul	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{1}{7}$

TERMS: All Election board members shall serve terms of two (2) years. Election Board members may serve more than one term.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for one (1) Election Board Member and one (1) Election Board Alternate to represent each District must be voted upon during your District's September monthly meeting.

The District's meeting minute must include each District's nomination for Election Board member and Election Board Alternate. The minutes must be presented or faxed will be acceptable to the Election Board Office no later than

4:00 PM – FRIDAY, November 21, 2014

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General Council Agency Vacancies:

The General Council Agency has one Regular Board vacancy in Black River Falls and one Alternate Board vacancy in La Crosse

In accordance with General Council Agency By-Laws ARTICLE III – Section 5(A) Agent Vacancies shall be posted in the tribal newsletter once, Section 5(B) when a vacancy on the Agency exists, nominations for new members may be made at their respective area legislative monthly meeting.

Office of the General Council
27374 State Highway 21 Tomah, WI 54660
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District 1 – 2 Positions

District 3 – 1 Position

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4 years from date of
Legislative Appointment

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To qualify you must meet the following:

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- Never been convicted of a felony in any tribal, state or federal court and;
- Cannot be determined to be incompetent by a court of law.

All interested Tribal Members should attend their District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of each District.

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Kijire Nagu Workgroup Poster Contest Rules

The contest is for all enrolled Ho Chunk tribal members. The rules are a result of the Healing center survey from the General Council. YOU decided what you wanted in the Healing Center and the workgroup would like to thank you for your continued support for this project. The Survey and rules for the Poster contest;

1. You can use a poster the size of 8.5 x 14 (legal) paper, card board, construction paper, canvass (art canvass), etc.. (Must be 8.5 x 14)
2. These colors must be used only; Blue, Green, Red, Yellow. These colors are the Clan colors. So no florescent, etc., color of the Nature around us.
3. The poster must emit feelings of; Hopefulness, Peacefulness, and Excitement. Again, these are the emotions coming from the survey. The art can show the emotion and/or can be explained in the written one-page explanation.
4. The materials (from the survey) come to **mind** are from outside and inside; Woods, Wildlife, Rocks, Nature, Flowers, and Water/ Waterfalls. 2-Dimensional, no actual wood, rocks, or wildlife (unless it is a 8.5 x 14 animal hide, wood, rock, etc...).
5. Who do you Picture there; Family, All Native people, Women, Children, Elders, Professional Staff, Young people, need to be part of the Poster
6. **The Deadline for entry is September 19, 2014 at 4:00 pm.** No late entries will be accepted.
7. The entry must have a one-page written explanation of the poster/logo attached for everybody to read.
8. The voting will be by the people at General Council. The member will be given a ticket to place in a container by the art entries. The most tickets in the container by the entries win.
9. The contest judging will be closed at 11:00 am to count the ballots.
10. The announcement will be made at General Council.

Please submit your entries to Donald R. Greengrass at W9850 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI. (the old clinic building in front of the Ho Chunk Health Care Clinic (HCHCC). Any questions he can be reached at 715-284-9851 extension 5018

The Judging will be done by YOU at the General Council. Look for the Kijire Nagu Table for voting. The winner will be announced at the General Council. The grand prize is an I-Pad.

All entries will be property of the Kijire Nagu Healing Center and will be displayed in the hall of the building.



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| Roderick Greengrass | Judith Whitehorse |
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| Isabelle Mallory | Wayne Falcon |
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| 5 Alvena Foss | Roger Thundercloud |
| Roger Youngthunder | Steven Thundercloud |
| 6 Arnold Darnell | 18 Luanne Macomber |
| William Lowe | 19 Donna Sommers |
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| Luther Lonetree | 24 Mary Natani |
| Douglas Johnson | 25 Mary E. Dumas |
| 9 Sonja Walker | Howard Swallow |
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| 11 Celestine | Linda Gleason-Strupp |
| Contreras | 27 Herman Decorah |
| Betty Gallagher | Guadalupe Salinas |
| 12 Adam Hall | 28 Ellen Snowball |
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| 14 Gale White | Ward |
| Glen White | Linda McHugh |
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| Funmaker | Henry Swan |
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| Terry Payer | 30 Elaine Whiterabbit |
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District One Community Center

Elder Social

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: District One Community Center

Come and join the fun!

Bingo

Lunch

Feel free to bring a prize

55 and Older

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mentary, the crew set out to investigate one angle, but were always drawn to look at another aspect.

"Something changed all the time," Markus said. "When we would investigate one aspect of the drownings, another would come up and lead us down another path."

One thing he noticed right away is that residents of La Crosse are really sensitive about the subject, he said. When he began talking to people for the film, they would be really open and friendly. But as soon as he mentioned the drowning incidents, people who suddenly become very tight-lipped and not willing to share any insight.

The film is being shown first in La Crosse because the

producers wanted to offer it locally first before being shown elsewhere.

Once it has been shown around the state, and perhaps around the country, perhaps it may someday, in a perfect world, be shown on the History Channel, Markus said.

They would have liked to come to some sort of conclusion by the end of the movie, but that would have required them to solve the drowning mysteries. Instead, the movie educates the public about all aspects and possibilities of why the young men might have drowned, Markus said.

"The Hidden Truth" will be shown only one day, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., September 6, at the Omni Center in Onalaska.

Judith Ann combines love of Elvis with love of giving

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

For years, Judy Ann Thundercloud has combined her love for Elvis with her love for helping people.

In her effort to appease both loves, every year she has hosted an annual Elvis party.

This year it was held at the Lunda Theater, having outgrown the previous two locations.

"Yes, it does make me feel good to help people," Judith Ann said. "I really do like it because Interfaith needs it to provide useful things for elders and to help out people in Hospice."

Judith Ann has been a volunteer for both organizations for many years.

This year's event featured an Elvis impersonator, raffles, door prizes and a silent auction. The proceeds of the event were divided between the two charities.

Judith Ann has always been an Elvis fan. She remembers when she was a teenager, she and her sister were watching Elvis on television when her grandmother entered the room.

Her grandmother disapproved of the way Elvis gyrated and swung his hips as he

sang, so she put a sheet over the television and turned it off. The girls left the house.

"She thought we were outside playing, but in reality, we went next door and watched Elvis on their television," Judith Ann said.

And she still remembers the exact moment when she heard that Elvis had died.

"We were out to Hatfield for the day and we had stopped in Merrillan to get something from the grocery store. My husband went in while our two girls and I stayed in the car," she said. "I heard on the radio that Elvis had died. When my husband came out of the store, I was crying so hard – I was just sobbing. He asked me what was wrong and I was crying so hard, I couldn't tell him."

Since that time, Judith Ann has visited Graceland, the home of Elvis in Memphis, about 14 times. She went this year on August 16, the anniversary of when Elvis died and participated in the candlelight vigil and received the VIP treatment.

This year, she attended alone, but usually she goes to Memphis with someone. Three years ago, she took her grandchildren, Josh and

Jamyn.

The love for Elvis is everywhere. Her license plates have the letters "JA Elvis" and her garage door has the initials TCB with a lightning bolt.

"It was a saying of Elvis. He used to say, 'Taking Care of Business in a flash,'" she said.

But the biggest fan dedication is evident upon entering her home. She has a room dedicated to Elvis memorabilia that spills out into other areas of her house.

The "Elvis Room" contains a menagerie of Elvis items, such as pictures, paintings and posters, cardboard cutouts of Elvis, animated Elvis toys, Elvis wine and other beverages, a guitar signed by numerous Elvis impersonators, glasses, plates, cards, and anything else you can think of connected to Elvis. Even the blankets on her sofa have the images of Elvis on them.

Her love of Elvis, and his kindness, inspired her to create a little generosity of her own.

"Elvis was a big giver. He was always helping out poor people," Judith Ann said. "So, one day I asked, 'Why can't I have a band and raise money for Hospice and Interfaith?'"

That was in 2004. She put up a tent in her backyard, used the wooden deck as a stage, hired an Elvis impersonator and invited everyone. It was successful, so she made the event an annual one.

So many people came that year and the following years, the number of people exceeded what her backyard could handle. After three years, space requirements made it necessary to move it to the Band Shelter at Lunda Park, where it was held for two more years.

Another move was necessary, taking the event to the Lunda Theater, where it has been held for three years.

Karen Foust, director of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, made a speech at this year's event, praising Judith Ann for her dedication to making the community better and serving the needs of the elderly and people struggling with cancer.

"We extend our deepest



Judith Ann Thundercloud displays an electric guitar that she displays in her "Elvis Room." The guitar was signed by numerous Elvis impersonators.

thanks and love to both Judith Anna and her daughter, Nehomah, for their generosity, time and talents shared to make this event possible," Foust said.

"We are truly grateful for all people involved in Interfaith that reach out to care and compassion to people in need," Foust said. "Yes, we provide services to people to remain in their homes as long as possible, but much more than that. Volunteers provide a real human being at their doors. That one-to-one contact is so important for the giver and the volunteer, as well as the person receiving the services."

Also, at the event, Nehomah had created a "Giving Tree" that provides opportunities for people to participate in Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and Hospice.



Judith Ann is serenaded by a debonair Elvis at the event she started many years ago.



An Elvis impersonator poses with Nehomah and Judith Ann at this year's Elvis Party at the Lunda Theater.



Elvis knows how to work the crowd, singing while strolling through the audience.



Taking a good look at the cardboard Elvis, Judith Ann admits that she particularly likes the images of Elvis in military uniform.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF HO-CHUNK YOUTH, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

You know your child better than anyone else. You are the expert when it comes to what your child needs. You know:

- ☐ How your child responds to different situations;
- ☐ Your child's strengths and needs;
- ☐ What your child likes and dislikes;
- ☐ What has worked to help your child; and
- ☐ What has not worked.

We are seeking parents to participate in our community meetings. Please share your experience getting your child the supports they need to improve their mental health. Let us know what has helped and what you would like to see changed. This is your chance to use your experience to help improve our System of Care for youth, up to age 21.

Please join us for a community parent meeting.
September 4th at 7:00 p.m.
Black River Falls
 District 1 Community Center
 N7160 Low Cloud Road
 Black River Falls, WI 54615
September 11th at 7:00 p.m.
Baraboo Alberta Day Room
 House of Wellness
 S2845 White Eagle Lane
 Baraboo, WI 53913

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